

# Himalayan Mountaineering Institute

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The **Himalayan Mountaineering Institute** (HMI Darjeeling) was established in  Darjeeling, India on 4 November 1954<sup>[1]</sup> to encourage mountaineering as an organized sport in India. The first ascent of  Mount Everest in 1953 by  Tenzing Norgay and  Edmund Hillary sparked a keen interest in establishing mountaineering as a well-respected endeavour for people in the region. With the impetus provided by the first prime minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru, HMI was established in Darjeeling.  Narendra Dhar Jayal, the pioneer of  Indian Mountaineering, was the founding principal of the institute. Tenzing Norgay was the first director of field training for HMI. The buildings for the Institute were designed by the architect Joseph Allen Stein, then teaching at the Bengal Engineering College near Calcutta. It was the first building in a career in India that lasted half a century.

HMI regularly conducts *Adventure*, *Basic* and *Advanced Mountaineering* courses. These are very comprehensive courses. They are also highly subsidised to encourage mountaineering as a sport.



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- [Prashant Sharma](#)

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- [Chennai Trekking Club](#)

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## External links

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- [Official website \(http://www.hmidarjeeling.com/\)](http://www.hmidarjeeling.com/)

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